



SYRACUSE CITY MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality, affordable services for its citizens, while promoting community pride, fostering economic development, and preparing for the future.



Overview and Highlights

Syracuse City is a vibrant city with a population of just under 30,000 residents. It has grown steadily since 2010 when the population was 24,331 residents. Syracuse is a place where residents enjoy a high quality of life in a safe, family oriented community. Syracuse has a strong sense of community which makes it an attractive place to live.

Syracuse was ranked 15 out of 96 cities in Utah for being one of the safest places to live by Niche.com. The City was also recognized by the National Association of Town Watch for having one of the top National Night Out Against Crime programs in 2017.

Syracuse City has experienced steady economic growth over the past year. Our sales tax revenue was up 7.1%. New construction was strong with 324 new single family homes permits and 8 new commercial permits in 2017. The unemployment rate dropped to 3.1% from 3.4% a year ago. The Consumer confidence index remains high at 119.8 in October 2017. Home prices were up 11.2% between August 2016 and August 2017.

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Demographic Information

	2015	2016	2017
Population	26,639	27,395	28,407
Per Capita Income	\$25,625	\$26,687	\$26,703
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%
Full-Time City Employees	71	75	80
Antelope Island Visits	380,611	398,197	431,190

How We Have Progressed

Fiscal year 2017



2017 Highlights

- The City was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 7th year in a row from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- The City secured 50 acres of park land on Gentile Street and 2000 West for a future regional sports complex.
- The City made major park and trail improvements including turf improvements at Rock Creek; sports courts, restroom, and a climbing structure at Tuscany Park; and a new trail over at Monterey estates.
- The City purchased a new street sweeper and fire brush truck to help improve services to its citizens.



Service Level Statistics & Performance

Fiscal Year	2015	2016	2017
Police			
Total Incidents reported	14,320	17,158	14,905
Citations written	1,677	1,430	1,423
Total violations on citations	2,406	1,963	2,077
Theft Incidents	291	270	252
Assault incidents	77	79	86
Fire			
Number of calls dispatched	910	982	1002
Average response time	5:48	5:42	5:43
Streets			
Street sweeping miles	775	1180	1005
Street sweeping hours	291	438	358
Water			
Service connections	7,330	7,540	7,853
Average daily consumption (gallons)	1,930,000	1,661,331	1,730,984
Recreation			
Community Center memberships	998	924	932
Sports program participants	4,014	4,709	5,520
Community Development			
Number of new homes	174	299	304

Property Taxes - How do we stack up?



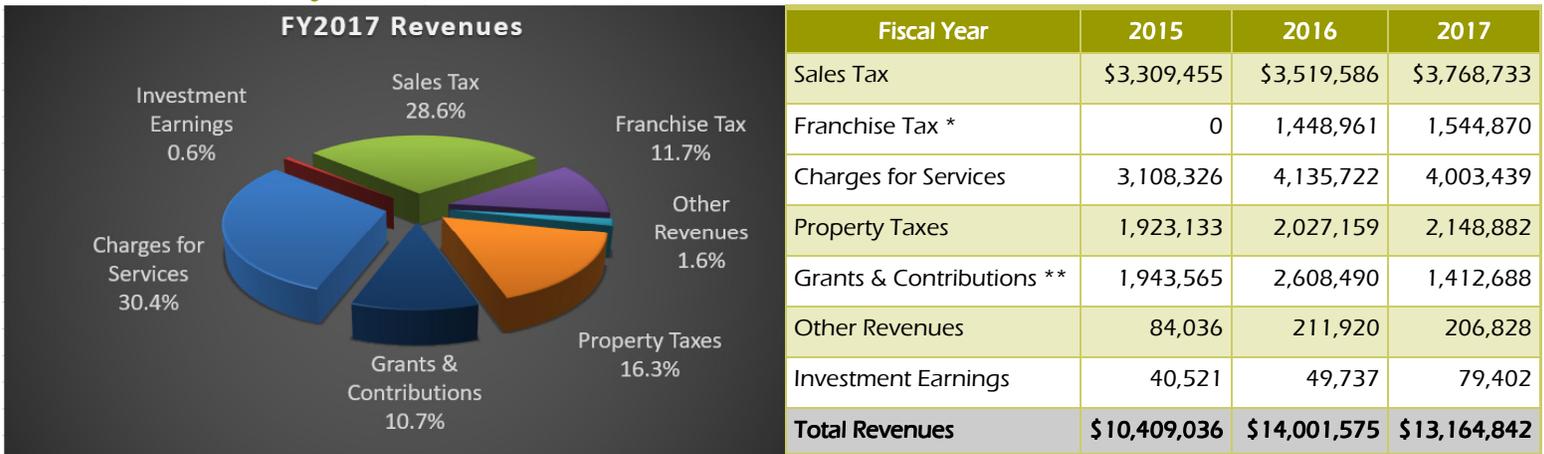
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Our Finances - Revenues vs. Expenses

What are the costs for servicing the citizens and how are those costs paid?

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. It exists to account for the resources used to pay for the services traditionally associated with local government. Included are police and fire protection, parks and recreation, planning and economic development, general administration of the City, and any other activity for which a special fund has not been created. For a complete review of all City Funds please refer to the website below.

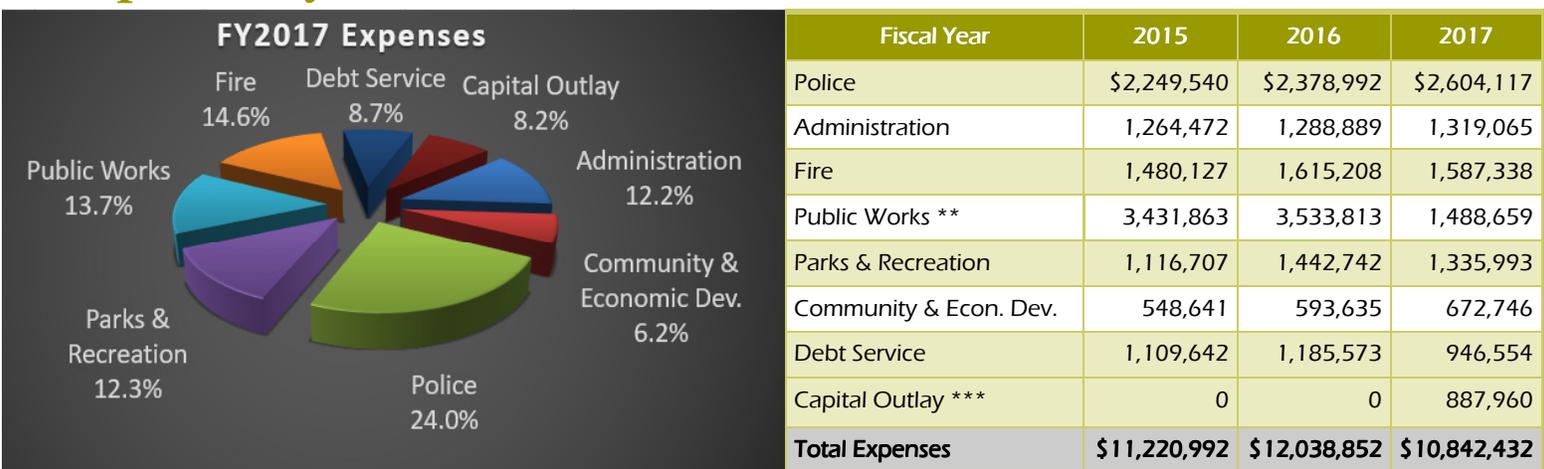
Revenues by Source - General Fund



* Starting in fiscal year 2016, the City elected to recognize franchise taxes in the General Fund instead of the Capital Projects Fund.

** This large increase can be attributed to a one-time grant received from Wasatch Front Regional Council for a road expansion project totaling 3.1 million dollars.

Expenses by Service Area - General Fund



*** Starting in fiscal year 2017, the City began showing capital outlay as a separate expense instead of showing those costs in the respective departments.

Independent Audit

An Independent audit of the City's finances was conducted, resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial information, including the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, can be found at www.syracuseut.com.

What's Next? Future Projects and Challenges.

Regional Park Development

Did you know that Syracuse City recently secured 50 acres of land for a future regional sports park? The land is located on Gentile Street and 2000 West. The City Council has contracted with an engineering firm to begin designing the park layout and amenities. The next challenge will be determining how to fund the construction of the park. Currently, the City receives park impact fees from new home development. The residents voted to approve a Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) tax in November 2017. The RAP tax will add 1/10 of one percent to the sales tax rate in Syracuse. All of the sales tax proceeds will go to recreation, arts, and parks in Syracuse and could be used to help fund the new regional park. This tax expires after ten years unless the residents vote to renew it.

The City also plans to seek out state or federal grants and solicit donations to help fund the regional park. It could take several years to raise enough funds to construct the regional park. Alternatively, the City could start construction sooner and phase portions of the park in sections when money becomes available.



New Park Amenities

The City Council has focused on finishing our existing parks. In the past year, improvements were made to Rock Creek Park and Tuscany Park. These include 10 acres of sports turf, restrooms, sports courts, a climbing structure, and pavilion. The city also added the Monterey Estates trail in the northern part of the City. The Council approved a new water feature/splash pad, pavilions, and a restroom at Centennial Park that should be completed in 2018.

We want to hear from you.

Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting Stephen Marshall @ 801-614-9621 or by email at smarshall@syracuseut.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at Syracuse City, Utah or on Twitter at @syracusecity. For more information on City services, visit our website at www.syracuseut.com.

